

REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 2-21, 23-40, 42-61, and 63-87 will be pending in this application. Applicants have amended claims 4, 25, 44, and 65 to place them into independent form, as the Examiner has indicated these claims to be allowable over the art of record. Applicants have also amended claims 82 and 85 to recite similar features to those recited in the allowable claims. The remaining claim amendments correct dependencies of the dependent claims to reflect the amendments described above. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 41, 51-53, 57, 60, 61, 82, 83, and 85 as anticipated by EP 0679371 or U.S. Patent No. 5,478,788. The Examiner has also rejected claims 2, 3, 22-24, 40, 42, 43, 62-64, 72, 73, 81, and 86 as obvious over EP 0679371 in view of Gale (U.S. Patent No. 4,725,272). Applicants traverse these rejections. All of the claims recite subject matter that the Examiner agrees is not taught or suggested in any of the cited references. Accordingly, the claims are in condition for immediate allowance, and an early notification to this effect is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment to Deposit Order Account No. 11-0855.

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